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VADM TURNER FROM AMB KUBISCH

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SUBJECT: AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISES IN GREECE

REF: ATHENS 1009

1. CHIEF JUSMAGG HAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THE AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES WHICH ARE PROPOSED FOR EXECUTION IN GREECE IN APRIL, JULY AND SEPTEMBER 1975. THE RECENT, UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE OF THE USS BYRD IN CORFU ILLUSTRATES THE CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES WE FACE IN GREECE AND THE EASE WITH WHICH A DEMONSTRATION CAN BE STAGED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, MANIFESTATIONS TO WHICH OUR NAVAL ELEMENTS SEEM PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE JUST ENTERING VERY IMPORTANT TALKS WITH THE GOG ON OUR BILATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, TALKS WHICH DO NOT SEEM LIKELY TO BE OVER BY APRIL. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I DO NOT THINK OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY SEEKING GOG PERMISSION TO CONDUCT THE EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL.

2. HOWEVER I RECOMMEND THAT THE EXERCISES TEN-
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TATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JULY AND SEPTEMBER BE KEPT

UNDER REVIEW. I HOPE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT
THEM TO GO AHEAD, BUT IT IS TOO EARLY AS YET TO ASSESS
THE DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH THESE EXERCISES.

3. WITH BEST REGARDS.
KUBISCH

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